

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins et al. in view of Wu. Claims 4, 8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins et al. and Wu as applied to claim 2 and further in view of Suzuki. Claims 12, 14, 17, 19, 23, 25, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins et al. and Wu as applied to claims 2 and 4 and further in view of Yu. Claims 36 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins et al. and Wu as applied to claims 2 and 4 and further in view of Wang.

Claims 33 and 45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3, 32, and 44 are allowed.

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner previously accepted the drawings as originally filed with this Application.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 4, 10, 14, 19, 25, 38, and 45, amended claims 2 and 5, and added new claims 46-51 to this application. It is believed that the new and amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 3, 32, and 44 are allowed.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 33 and 45 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant's amended claim 2 comprises a combination of original claims 2 and 45, thus redrafting claim 45 in independent form. Claims 5, 8, 12, 17, 23, 30, and 36 all depend from amended claim 2. Applicant's new independent claim 46 comprises a combination of original claims 2, 23, and 33, thus redrafting claim 33 in independent form. New claims 47-51,

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which are commensurate in scope with original claims 5, 8, 12, 36, and 45, all depend from new independent claim 46. In the absence of any art cited against Applicant's original claim 33 and 45, it is not believed that any detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is necessary. Suffice to say that all of the claims remaining in this patent application contain subject matter against which no prior art citations have been made.

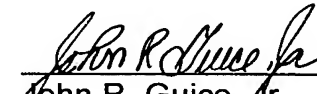
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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